

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for an automated operating system upgrade in an information handling system, from an older version to a newer version, comprising:

~~initiating a preparation for the upgrade from an operating~~ preparing a target information handling system for an upgrade using an upgrade preparation-media program;

~~determining an eligibility of the information handling system for upgrade in response to the preparation; and~~

~~proceeding with the upgrade preparation in response to an eligibility determination, otherwise terminating the upgrade preparation.~~

the program identifying the target system to determine whether a new operating system supports the target system;

the program determining an operating system manufacturer and version;

the program downloading the new operating system if required;

the program scanning for all drivers on the target system;

the program downloading any additional required drivers; and

the program scanning to identify any factory installed software that are incompatible with the new operating system.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~prior to initiating the preparation, providing a user interface display page, the user interface display page outlining step-by-step upgrade instructions, the instructions including a user-selectable option to continue with the upgrade preparation.~~

in response to identifying incompatible factory installed software, the program prompting the target system for an approval to uninstall the incompatible software.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, ~~wherein the user interface display page includes a web page, further comprising:~~  
in response to the approval, the program automatically uninstalling the incompatible software.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~ 2, ~~wherein initiating the preparation for the upgrade includes executing a preparation program from the operating system upgrade preparation media, the program including instructions executable by the information handling system for scanning a current hardware configuration of the information handling system, and wherein determining the eligibility of the information handling system for the upgrade includes comparing the scanned current hardware configuration with a listing of hardware configurations predetermined to be compatible with the newer version of the operating system. further comprising:~~  
in response to a denial of the approval, the program advancing to a next step without uninstalling the incompatible software.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~4~~, ~~wherein the program further includes instructions executable by the information handling system for retrieving a system identification from the information handling system, and further wherein determining the eligibility of the information handling system for the upgrade includes comparing the retrieved system identification with a listing of system identifications predetermined to be compatible with the newer version of the operating system. 1 further comprising:~~

the program comparing data received from the target system against a table.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~1~~, wherein ~~proceeding with the upgrade preparation in response to a determination of eligibility further comprises:~~ 5 comprising:

~~retrieving a system BIOS Rev from a system memory of the information handling system; and~~

~~determining whether the system BIOS Rev is a current version and if not current, then obtaining an upgrade system BIOS Rev from the upgrade media and replacing the system BIOS Rev with the upgrade BIOS Rev.~~

the table containing compatible results obtained from independent testing.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, ~~wherein replacing the system BIOS Rev with the upgrade BIOS Rev includes flashing the upgrade BIOS Rev;~~ further comprising:

the program using results of the comparing to determine which applications and drivers of the target system are compatible with the new operating system.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising: ~~retrieving an identification of at least one driver from the information handling system; and~~

~~copying an upgrade driver from the upgrade media to the information handling system, the upgrade driver having been selected in response to the retrieved driver identification.~~

the program initiating removal of incompatible software.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim-8\_1, wherein the ~~driver includes~~  
drivers include at least one of an audio driver, video driver, modem driver,  
and network driver.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising: ~~setting a~~  
~~registry in the information handling system, the registry configured to enable the~~  
~~newer version of the operating system to automatically detect the upgrade driver.~~  
the program preparing a directory for any new drivers needed for  
operation of the new operating system.
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim-4\_1, further comprising:  
displaying upon a display device the any current hardware information.
14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for implementing an  
automated operating system upgrade in an information handling system, from  
an older version to a newer version, comprising:  
a computer program processable by ~~an~~ a target information handling  
system for causing the information handling system to:  
initiate ~~a preparation for the upgrade from an operating system~~  
~~upgrade preparation media;~~  
determine ~~an eligibility of the information handling system for~~  
~~upgrade in response to the preparation; and~~  
proceed ~~with the upgrade preparation in response to an~~  
~~eligibility determination, otherwise terminate the upgrade preparation;~~  
and

identify the target system to determine whether a new operating system supports the target system;  
determine an operating system manufacturer and version;  
download the new operating system if required;  
scan for all drivers on the target system;  
download any additional required drivers; and  
scan to identify any factory installed software that are incompatible with the new operating system; and  
apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the information handling system.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the computer program is processable by the ~~computer system~~ for further causing the ~~computer~~ information handling system to: prior to initiating the preparation, provide a user interface display page, the user interface display page outlining step-by-step upgrade instructions, the instructions including a user-selectable option to continue with the upgrade preparation.  
in response to identifying incompatible factory installed software,  
prompt the target system for an approval to uninstall the incompatible software.
16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the ~~user interface display page~~ includes a web page. program is processable by the information handling system to:  
in response to the approval, automatically uninstall the incompatible software.
17. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein ~~initiating the preparation for the upgrade includes executing instructions for~~

~~scanning a current hardware configuration of the information handling system, and wherein determining the eligibility of the program is processable by the information handling system for the upgrade includes comparing the scanned current hardware configuration with a listing of hardware configurations predetermined to be compatible with the newer version of the operating system. to:~~

in response to a denial of the approval, advance to a next step without uninstalling the incompatible software.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~17~~ 14, wherein the program further comprises instructions executable by the information handling system to:

~~retrieve a system identification from the information handling system, and further wherein determining the eligibility of the information handling system for the upgrade includes comparing the retrieved system identification with a listing of system identifications predetermined to be compatible with the newer version of the operating system.~~

compare data received from the target system against a table.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~14~~ 18, wherein the table contains compatible results obtained from independent testing. ~~proceeding with the upgrade preparation in response to a determination of eligibility further causes the information handling system to:~~

~~retrieve a system BIOS Rev from a system memory of the information handling system; and~~

~~determine whether the system BIOS Rev is a current version and if not current, then obtain an upgrade system BIOS Rev from the upgrade media and replace the system BIOS Rev with the upgrade BIOS Rev.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 19, wherein replacing the system BIOS Rev with the upgrade BIOS Rev includes flashing the upgrade BIOS Rev. the program is processable by information handling system to:
- use results of the compared data to determine which applications and drivers of the target system are compatible with the new operating system.
21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~19~~ 20, wherein the program further comprises instructions executable by the information handling system to:
- ~~retrieve an identification of at least one driver from the information handling system; and~~
- ~~copy an upgrade driver from the upgrade media to the information handling system, the upgrade driver having been selected in response to the retrieved driver identification.~~
- initiate removal of incompatible software.
22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~21~~ 14, wherein ~~the driver includes~~ drivers include at least one of an audio driver, video driver, modem driver, and network driver.
23. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the program further comprises instructions executable by the information handling system to:
- ~~set a registry in the information handling system, the registry configured to enable the newer version of the operating system to automatically detect the upgrade driver.~~

prepare a directory for any new drivers needed for operation of the  
new operating system.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of ~~47~~ 14, wherein the program further comprises instructions executable by the information handling system to:

display upon a display device ~~the~~ any current hardware information.

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

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36. (Cancelled).

37. (Cancelled).

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39. (Cancelled).

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